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In Re Application of:

Art Unit: 1761

Application No.: 09/661,509

Confirmation No.: 2576

Examiner: SL Weinstein

Filing Date: September 13, 2000

Washington, D.C.

For: METHOD FOR THE LONG-TERM PRESERVATION OF MEAT AND THE MEAT PROCESSED THEREBY

Atty.'s Docket: SHAKLAI=1

Date: April 11, 2005

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] Preliminary Amendment [XX] Declaration
in the above-identified application.

[XX] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL	* 11	MINUS	** 20	0
INDEP.	* 3	MINUS	*** 3	0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 25	\$		x 50	\$
x 100	\$		x 200	\$
+ 180	\$		+ 360	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL			TOTAL	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 60.00
[] Second - \$ 225.00
[] Third - \$ 510.00
[] Fourth - \$ 795.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 120.00
[] Second - \$ 450.00
[] Third - \$ 1,020.00
[] Fourth - \$ 1,590.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$_____) already paid for ____ month(s) extension of time on _____.

[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$_____.

[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$_____.

[] A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Appendix A, which is a copy of new pages 25-47 of the specification, **Appendix B**, which is a copy of pages 48-53 of the parent application, **Appendix C**, which is a substitute

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specification, and **Appendix D** which is a substitute
declaration, are attached after page 12.